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For:

TUBE FOR FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS FOR A FASTENING APPARATUS

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
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Respectfully sulphitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated *June 3, 2004*.

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